



**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Attorney Docket No. 27234U

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

BETHKE, et al.

Serial No.: 10/571,311

Group Art Unit: 1616

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Examiner: SOROUS, A.

For: **USE OF CICLESONIDE FOR THE TREATMENT OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22315

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Official Action dated December 28, 2009 in the above-identified application. The three-month shortened statutory deadline expired March 28, 2010. Accordingly, a Petition for a Two (2)-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith, along with the requisite fee, thereby extending the deadline for filing this Response to May 28, 2010. As such, this Response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination, along with the requisite fee, is filed herewith to remove the finality of the Official Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

A **Conclusion** appears on page 21 of this paper.